



The Common Threads Award honors women with past or present roots in agriculture who have made remarkable and visible contributions to both the agricultural industry and their communities.

Each year, recipients are selected from the nominations submitted, recognizing women who have made a lasting impact through their careers, service, time, talent, or treasure.

Submission Details

Completed nomination packets must be received by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF) no later than midnight on Monday, December 1, 2025. Submissions may be sent electronically or by standard mail.

2026 Award Criteria

- Nominees must have roots and have made a significant contribution in one of the following counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, or Tulare.
- Nominees must have past and/or present connections to agriculture and demonstrate outstanding involvement in both the agricultural industry and their community. This may include meaningful contributions through philanthropic giving, volunteer service, or other impactful support.
- Nominations must be submitted by someone who personally knows the nominee. *Self-nominations will not be accepted.*

Important Notes

- Please do not inform your nominee of the submission.
- The Common Threads Selection Committee will notify nominators and honorees of final decisions by December 10, 2025.
- If a nominee is not selected this year, her application will remain active and eligible for consideration for the following two years.

All nomination packets must include the following to be considered

- ☐ Letter of introduction
- ☐ Nomination form
- ☐ Color photo of the nominee

Optional: Up to three letters of recommendation may be included, though they are not required for consideration. If submitted, recommendation letters should come from individuals with a personal and direct understanding of the nominee's qualifications, rather than from casual acquaintances.

Please submit applications to

Mailing address

California Agricultural Leadership Foundation
Attention: Mia Mirassou
80 Garden Ct, Suite 270
Monterey, CA 93940

Or Email to mmirassou@agleaders.org

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MIA MIRASSOU AT (831) 585-1030.

COMMON THREADS AWARD - NOMINATION FORM

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY FOR CONSIDERATION.

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Nominator Information

Full Name	
Relationship to Nominee	
Phone	
Email	

Nominee Information

Full Name	
Current Occupation	
Phone	
Email	

Provide detailed responses to the following questions on a separate page(s).

Provide a brief history of the nominee's background in agriculture.

Describe the nominee's core values and what you believe drives the nominee to make her contributions to the extent that she has demonstrated.

List the nominee's community, philanthropic, and volunteer activities that have impacted her community and contributed to agriculture. Indicate all awards and special recognition she has received.

List the nominee's contributions to agriculture through their professional career, if applicable.

Provide one prime example of how the nominee's involvement with an organization or activity has made an outstanding or far-reaching impact on her community.

What might set your nominee apart from the other exceptional nominees involved in agriculture and their community?

You have now completed the nomination form for consideration by the Common Threads Selection Committee. Before submitting, please reflect: *If I did not personally know this nominee, would this form tell her full story?* If not, we encourage you to enhance your submission to ensure your nominee receives the recognition she deserves. Additional pages may be included if necessary.

Thank you for completing this nomination. Please mark your calendar for **March 10, 2026**—we look forward to celebrating the honorees with you at the luncheon.